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Happy Father's Day!

FLEA MARKET GETTING BETTER AND BETTER

The day dawned clear, a great morning for a hot cup of coffee. While the remainder of the day remained cool and windy, those who were there had a great time. Where? The R.N.A. Flea Market in Riverview Park on May 3rd. The success of this year's flea market was accomplished through the efforts of many people and organizations. At the risk of leaving someone out, I would like to express my thanks to the following:

St. Paul of the Cross and Trinity Baptist Churches for supplying the tables.

Set up crew – Bob Lewis, Maria Tuzzo and her cousin, and Kathy Dellaglio.

RNA table – Edith Springer, Raquel Sweeny, and Kathy Dellaglio.

Food Table – Randy Sanford, Kathy Brennan for keeping that good hot coffee and all those cakes and cookies coming. Thanks to Bob Lewis for cooking all those hot dogs and for making the gourmet onions.

The A&P for donating the coffee, sugar, milk and paper goods.

Take down and garbage crew – Vito Brunetti, Chuck Hollowell, Bob Lewis and Randy Sanford.

Ted Conrad for the use of his van.

Ellen Boggs for helping out all over as needed and for the entertainment.

Traffic Engineering and Captain Galvin of the North District for their cooperation in helping us close the street and securing for us the signs and horses that were necessary.

To those who I have forgotten, I say thanks.

I could not close this article without giving my special thanks to Joan Earls, Director of Parks, for without her help and cooperation the flea market would not have happened.

See you all again next spring.

Carin Lewis
Chairman, Flea Market Committee

SPRING CLEANING WAS A SUCCESS

The RNA's Second Annual Spring Cleaning was a great success! All three of the dumpsters were well used–two were filled to overflowing.

We would like to thank Louise Mazza and the Jersey City Incinerator Authority who gave us two dumpsters and provided the heavy-duty plastic bags for the Park Cleanup. Also, we would like to thank Susan Smith and Ward C Councilman George Aviles for getting us the additional dumpster for Cuneo Place. It looked like we weren't going to get the third dumpster, but they got busy and found one for us.

I must mention the kids who live down by Cuneo Place. They picked up a lot of the garbage that had been dumped on their block. To everyone who participated–YOU DID A GREAT JOB!

Anne Hart

TO ALL R.N.A. FATHERS

"Special" is a word
that is used to describe
something one-of-a-kind
like a hug
or a sunset
or a person who spreads love
with a smile or kind gesture.
"Special" describes people
who act from the heart
and keep in mind the hearts of others.
"Special" applies to something
that is admired and precious
and which can never be replaced.
"Special" is the word that best
describes you.

~ Teri Fernandez

CONRAD'S CORNER

The looting of the city treasury increases daily with no mercy shown to overburdened tax payers by developers in their demand for tax abatements which may only provide one third of the revenue instead of the full amount in some cases for up to 40 years. Can the city absorb tax-abated property which will exceed the value of unabated real estate in town?

The original purpose of tax abatement was to encourage development of unattractive areas. However, when developers are fighting for a piece of the action, the city should allow the abatement of taxes only on the shortest term possible. How much abatement can the city survive? How much of the city is already tax abated, and how much longer can it continue to lose ratables? The abuse of tax abatement will saddle the city with ever rising operating costs, which it may not be able to manage without a constant increase in the tax rate. The increasing operating costs may create an inflationary monster which may bankrupt the city.

How will the city handle a strike by the taxpayers that will further increase the loss of revenue? Too many tax abatements are suicidal for poor cities with a constant shrinking tax base. Developments with tax abatements will never produce the revenue needed, and any advantages from such development will be negated by the increase in the cost to service them. The city is so poor it is having trouble to come up with a budget which will not anger the tax payers. Although the projected $35.00 increase in the tax rate will not make them happy, the future may see a tax rate of hundreds of dollars. The administration must take decisive steps to manage the building boom so that it will benefit the city.

In the past federal and state subsidies made up in part for the loss in revenue from abatements. With the possible loss of such subsidies, the city may not be able to survive on the low return from abatements. If the present rate continues, the city could wind up with more abated properties than ratables. For example, ten years ago, the City of Newark was reported to be on a 66 2/3% tax abated basis. During a meeting of the City Council, one of the councilmen said: "we keep locking ourselves in up to 48-year tax abatements, and we are digging a hole from which we may never get out."

—Ted Conrad

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

All too often we neglect to say "Thanks" to those who perform needed services for our community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the police department for their continued efforts in keeping Franklin Ave. free of abandoned vehicles.

R. S. Gerber

ABANDONED CATS

As a result of the fire at 11 Cuneo Place, a number of cats have been left homeless. Their owners moved out and abandoned them. Many people think that a cat will be fine if it is "set free". NOthing could be more wrong. Cats that are used to living indoors and being taken care of will not survive on the street. They will soon starve to death because they have never had to hunt for food. Successful hunting is a skill taught to her kittens by the mother cat, but only if she is a hunter.

I have taken in one of these homeless cats, but I can't give him a permanent home. He is a 6 or 7 month old male cat, black and white with gold eyes. He is very affectionate and gets along well with other cats. He will make a wonderful pet for the person who will give him a loving home. If you can give a good home to this beautiful animal, or any of the others, please call. If you can't, your donation (any amount) to help spay the female cats will be most welcome.

Anne Hart
795-2664

RNA SENDS:

GET WELL WISHES TO JOHN MASTRO FOLLOWING HIS RECENT SURGERY.

WELCOME HOME TO PAPO.

The following is a reprint of an article (written by Peter Weiss) from the Jersey Journal dated Sat., May 24th.

Jersey City has decided to appeal a tax court decision which lowered the assessment for land in the Newport City waterfront development by nearly $1 million.

The city is also withholding a reimbursement of $132,000 due to the developers under the tax court's ruling.

The tax court upheld a ruling by the county tax board that Newport City property had been assessed too highly by the city. The city had assessed it as being worth $2.8 million. The successful appeal lowered the assessed value to $1.9 million.

"We believe that the city has plausible arguments that the tax court judgement upholding the county board is wrong as a matter of law," said Corporation Counsel Thomas Fodice, in a memo informing City Council members of the city's action.

If the city loses its appeal, it will have to pay interest on the refund to Newport City which is being withheld pending the outcome.

Newport City's appeal of its assessment set off a small furor in City Hall several weeks ago when Mayor Anthony Cucci found out about it. The mayor even threatened to rescind a tax abatement given to the development, although that was no followed through.

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Summer is almost here. This is the time of year the parks are used most. So let me give a status report on Riverview Park.

The police have been patrolling our park quite a bit more and the City workers have been working harder than last year. So you would think that we're making progress with our No. 1 problem—Sanitation—Cleanup.

Well, we're not. The park is full of dog feces and broken glass. I've seen the police taking beer off people. When they drive away these same people go over the cliff and get the rest of the beer they had hidden.

Over the holiday weekend I saw a handful of people stop a group of kids who were playing ball in the gazebo. They were pitching glass bottles instead of balls.

We recently found out that we lost out on badly needed Green Acres funds because the City was unaware the deadline to apply had passed.

So where do we go from here? Do we throw up our hands in the air and give up because all our efforts seem fruitless?

Personally, I refuse to give in. I have two boys. I believe my boys, their friends and the rest of the children in this neighborhood deserve a clean, safe place to play.

We should continue to do whatever we are able to, to make any positive change that is possible.

—Chuck Hollowell

ART NOTES

The first group show of the Arts Development Council which took place May 3, 4, 7, 10, 11 and the open studio tour on Mother's Day was a great success. People came from Jersey City, Union City, Hoboken, New York, Bayonne, as well as other places in New Jersey and Staten Island. Congratulations and thanks are extended to all those who participated especially to Naomi Kenan from *The Gold Coast* whose timely articles stirred public interest and to JAMCO DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT CO. who donated the gallery space at 471 Palisade Ave. in addition to providing the invitations, mailing and refreshments.

Many of those who came have expressed interest in becoming members. The next general meeting of the ADC will be held May 28. Membership is not limited to artists, but includes all those who support these efforts in the belief that enhanced creative activity benefits the community at large. Please feel free to contact the Arts Council at 659-7362 for details and information.

R. S. Gerber

It was a Saturday afternoon. The house was good and quiet. I sat and read my paper. I looked up and there she was, —Miss America. My Miss America. Not he one from Atlantic City.

At some point our glances met. I suddenly said "Miss America, I can't believe you don't understand me when I speak to you". Miss America immediately said "but I do understand you. . . English and socio-political science are my best subjects".

This should have surprised me coming from my cat. But then I remembered Tobermory who also could talk. Miss America continued —"the reason I never talk to anyone is that I never believed anyone would really care what I had to say and besides, most people would be shocked to hear me talk and for all I know, they might become ill. Or worse yet, I might be put on all those talk-shows all over the country. No! Miss America continued, "it is better that I have kept my mouth shut all these years" — (except to eat! I thought).

Because I wanted to finish reading my paper, I politely excused myself and left Miss America to her own thoughts.

Incidentally, that very night, when I gave her her good-night hug (it's not true about hugging a cat) — she begged me not to alert Dan Rather or Peter Jenningsand lots of other "America Last Devotees" about her abilities. "They could lose their jobs when I'm elected First Dictator of America".

By the way, I didn't tell Miss America about Tobbermory's sad end.

—Frank A. Santoro

UNDER THE CHAIR

FACT: Our illustrious newsletter is going on vacation for two months. The staff, which should be praised for its worthy efforts is taking a long deserved rest. R.N.A., however, will be very active during the the summer months. Our committees: Planning and Development, Parks, Crime, Sanitation and the Constitution will meet and continue with their work. We will also hold our regularly scheduled meetings every second Tuesday of the month at the Harbor View. If there are any questions that need to be answered or new information to be disseminated, please contact us at either 798-0493 (Vito Brunetti) or 420-1490 (Bob Lewis.)

OPINION: Our annual flea market in Riverview Park was a huge success. Thanks are to be given to those people, behind the scenes who helped make it possible: Captain Galvin and the officers of the North District, Joan Earls and the park crews of Leisure Activities and Pat Blake of Traffic Engineering. R.N.A. would also like to thank all our members and neighbors for participating in this grand day. Remember, start saving your clothes and throw-aways for next year's flea market.

FACT: On May 20th, I had a meeting with Tom Hart and Armand Beard to discuss the renovation of Riverview Park. We agreed that work should begin on the

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bandstand with the installation of a new roof, a new ceiling, metal railings between the brick columns and a cleaning of the brick fascade. We talked about hiring a licensed architect as a consultant to prepare a proposal and plans to be approved by the City's Engineering Dept. This would help us speed up the process and have better control over the renovation. Once the plans were approved, we could either go through the City's bidding process for a contractor or divide the work between several contractors. The money to be used for this project is from CDBG funding and amounts to about $57,000.00.

Hart and Beard were eager to begin working with R.N.A. on the Park. The three of us agreed that we must learn to work together as a means of improving the neighborhood.

OPINION: Two items in regards to Riverview Park:

a) new anti dog-litter signs have been put in the Park. We welcome the signs, but now we as a neighborhood must heed the message. CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET OR YOU WILL BE FINED.

b) Joan Earls has confirmed the ordering of wire trash bins for the Park. As soon as they're received by her department, they will be installed. All we have to do now is train the beer-drinking creatures to use these bins instead of throwing the cans on the grass or shattering the glass on the ground.

OPINION. The April 28th issue of the Jersey Journal reported that Jersey City may have lost up to $500,000.00 of Green Acre funding through sheer negligence or incompetence. (I think probably both). The Green Acres program, which is funded out of several bond issues made by the state in the mid-1970s, gives competitive grants and loans every year to municipal parks and recreation projects. The money received from the state is to be used solely for the acquisition of property for open space or recreation purposes.

John Watson, Hudson regional coordinator for the program, said the state would still consider any application filed by the City at a late date, but it would only be granted if the City could prove that it was essential to purchase property immediately for its project. This would occur if the land being considered was also being sought by another buyer.

This might apply to our efforts to retrieve the Tumulty playground land which was mistakingly sold by the City to a private developer.

OPINION: In the April 27th real estate section of the New York Times, we noticed an advertisement:

"Contractors, developers and investors. 20,000+sq ft. on cliffs of riverview, artist district area of Jersey City Heights with 325+ft. of NYC view. Great for Condo or large residential development." The price tag was $1,525.000.00.

We think that the property in question is the land on the cliff behind Pohlman Hall. It seems that Mr. Latinas, the present owner is upset at R.N.A.'s efforts to stop his development plans for this land. Therefore, he has decided to sell out to a New York developer.

It is unfortunate that he is unwilling to work with the neighborhood and build something that would integrate into our community. We will keep abreast of all future developments.

OPINION: Through a series of endless telephone calls to the Depts. of Property Conservation, Buildings and the Housing Court, we tried to find out the status of 234-236 Ogden Ave. It is owned by Chemrik Inc. and Maria Baratta. There were many names to sift through: Skylark Realty and Dev., Cherry Kubiak and M. Wilson, but the one we were interested in was the registered agent: Norman Wilson.

We have made many calls to Mr. Wilson and the City to have the buildings secured. At present, we are not satisfied with either of their replies or attempts at securing the property.

Since R.N.A. rejected Mr. Wilson's plan for a 40-unit condo development on the four lots, he has remained silent on what he intends to do with them.

It is an uncomfortable fact but it seems inevitable: we must constantly be on guard with these developers and their grand plans for Ogden and Palisade Aves.

OPINION: In a letter, in the May 7th Jersey Journal, James Drago comments:

"Our Hudson River waterfront, if judiciously developed, can be a great asset, vastly improving the quality of life in this densely populated area. But if clumsily overloaded with big buildings, small buildings, and the inevitable traffic that follows, it can make a nightmare.

"We need not, we muts not, build another Manhattan on our waterfront. The people must give the various mayors that message with emphasis. Attend the Planning Board meetings."

I say that we as a neighborhood association should take his message to heart—not only in terms of the waterfront but more importantly for our own neighborhood.

OPINION: One last note – there were two serious fires in our neighborhood during the last month: the Ascension Church on New York Avenue and an apartment building at 11 Cuneo Place.

The Church was gutted but plans are being made to rebuild the interior. The community has contributed to this effort with an outpouring of aid.

Unfortunately, seventeen families were displaced by the Cuneo Place fire which was supposedly started by a child playing with a cigarette lighter.

In our attempts to save our neighborhoods, we sometimes forget about the human factor. Through the efforts to improve, preserve, educate, and defend, we must remember the people who need our help. A community is only as strong as its neediest member.

– Vito Brunetti

(The following is a letter drafted by Randy Sanford to be sent to Rick Cohen, Director of Jersey City's H.E.D.)

Mr. Rick Cohen, Director
Housing and Economic Development Agency
26 Journal Square
Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Cohen:

At its May 13th meeting, the Riverview Neighborhood Association voted unanimously to approve and support the efforts of Janet Moore and her proposal to use Ward C C.D.B.G. funds towards the creation of a park out of the city-owned vacant lots at the south end of Ogden Avenue (off of Cuneo Place).

We feel it is vitally important to our neighborhood that this property be removed from the pressures and possibilities of building development and that its spectacular view be preserved for local residents.

We hope you will give careful consideration to our arguments and stand with us on this matter.

First, we note that the creation of a park anywhere in Jersey City is a reasonable and desirable goal. According to the Regional Planning Commission, we are woefully inadequate in percentage of parkland. Ward C, in particular, is poorly serviced by parks, and so the use of Ward C monies seems appropriate.

Secondly, the creation of a park at this site would work beautifully with two other current planning efforts. The Regional Planning Commission has a proposal for the Palisade cliffs, south of the George Washington Bridge, to be saved from further development and preserved as a regional park.

The park plan also coincides with the efforts of Anne Hart, a member of our association, to retrieve the former Tumulty playground which was mistakenly sold by the City to a private developer. (Tumulty consists of two lots on the adjacent cliff across from the other city-owned property on Ogden Avenue.) At this time, R.N.A. is aware that the City is planning to take this case to court to reclaim the sold lots. R.N.A. thinks that these lots should be added to the proposed park land inventory on that site (we are talking about a total of seven lots.)

Thirdly, we would point out how lucky and unusual it is that an appropriate site for a park is already owned by the City.

We can assure you that local residents are ready and willing to help design and work on a new park. Two architects who have recently moved to our street have already volunteered to help. We agree with Janet Moore and think that something as simple as clearing the land and planting grass, or perhaps a low fence, is all that is needed to start.

We would also like to bring to your attention an article in the Jersey Journal of May 16th, that describes the efforts of local kids organized by Armand Beard to gather petition signatures for this project.

We would like to invite you to meet with us and discuss this important matter. You can contact me or the chairperson to arrange a meeting with our group.

The following is a letter from Councilman Tom Hart dated May 16, 1986.)

I want to inform you of a new plan for Block and neighborhood associations. We are conducting tours of the Heights area. These tours are designed to make our Heights residents more aware of our neighborhood, its makeup, its architecture, its history, its present, its improvements, and special notice of all that is new in the best part of this City.

We can accomodate fifteen people per tour. If you have more than that number, then you can schedule consecutive tours on the same day or different tours on different days. If your group is interested, please fill out the tour form and we shall be more than pleased to accomodate you. Thanks for your interest and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

(If people are interested in this idea, please come to the next R.N.A. meeting and we will try to organize a group).

R.N.A. MEETING & CELEBRATION

The business end of the May general meeting of the R.N.A. was conducted with dispatch. Members Anne Hart and Chuck Hollowell gave a very informative report with regards to Riverview Park and the possible acquisition of other park land in the neighborhood.

The report concerned what we as residents can do to help facilitate repairs and changes in the present park and how we could best support the efforts of Janet Moore, and some other area residents in obtaining a piece of city owned vacant land at Cuneo Place and Ogden Ave. for a park. Since our county is about 50% short of park land for its population, this is definetely a desired acquisition.

After brief reports by the Planning & Development Committee and the Community Awareness committee the business part of the meeting was concluded.

We then adjourned to partake of some refreshments to celebrate those members birthdays that fall between Jan. and June. The coffee and home made cake was provided by Mrs. Marie Tuzzo and was rated a success by all present. For our further entertainment Mr. Ted Conrad, RNA's resident historian, conducted a very interesting slide show which had all members enthralled. We have vowed to have more social evenings such as this while still keeping on top of all important neighborhood issues.

So, join us every second Tuesday of the month at the Harbor View Health Care Center at 7:30 p.m. and find out what is happening in our neighborhood and how you can be a part of it all. See you then.

Secretary
Marie E. Tuzzo

P.S.
Take heart all you members whose birthdays fall between July & Dec. Your celebration will probably take place in Nov.

GET YOUR PET "FIXED"

If you are on one of the following programs, you can get your cat or dog (male or female) "fixed" for $10.00:

1) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
2) Aid to Families with Dependant Children (Welfare)
3) Food Stamps
4) Public Assistance
5) Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled
6) Rental Assistance
7) Lifeline Credit Program
8) Tenants Lifeline Assistance Program
9) Medicaid

If you don't qualify for this program, there is still the Friends of Animals Low-Cost Spaying Program. The cost to "fix" a male cat is $15.00, a female cat is $28.00, a male dog is $29.00, and a female dog is $40.00.

Please call me for further information on either of these programs.

Anne Hart
795-2664

FACADE RESTORATION PROJECT PROPOSAL

On Friday, April 18th, I presented a proposal at the Community Development Block Grant hearing. The purpose of the Facade Restoration Project is to preserve and restore the facades of the private homes, apartment buildings, and businesses in the Riverview Neighborhood Assocation area.

The Facade Restoration Project would provide design assistance and financial assistance to people who want to restore the facade of their property. Educational workshops would be offered to teach the average property owner the economic, aesthetic, and historic value of the preservation of their property.

My proposal was based on the very successful Greenwood/Hamilton Historic District Facade Project in Trenton, N.J. This project was started in 1982 with CDBG money and has been funded every year since. Bob Ricci, the Director of the Division of Neighborhood Development in Trenton has given me a great deal of help with the proposal for our neighborhood.

We will know by the beginning of June if this proposal has been funded. If you want a copy of the proposal, please call me.

Anne Hart
795-2664

LAYOFFS MAY SHUT MUSEUM

This is today's headline from the Jersey Journal.

Because of budget restrictions in the Public Library, the entire Museum staff except the curator has been laid off from work as of June 1st. The Museum had nine staff members in 1985; this layoff reduces the staff to one.

Unless funds are found for Museum salaries, the Museum will cease normal operations after the panel discussion, Latin American Art and the Mainstream Art World, on Thursday, June 5, at 6:00 p.m.

No more exhibitions. No more educational programs, which currently serve more than 3,000 schoolchildren and adults a year.

How did this happen? Provisional and part-time employees were laid off throughout the Public Library department. In the Museum, however, all the staff members except the curator are in the Provisional and part-time categories. (Provisional means that the State Civil Service Agency has not designed a test to administer to personnel in the Museum).

The reduction of Library staff is a tragedy for all departments of the Library. The layoff decision, intended to be impartial, inadvertently results in the closing of the Museum.

The Mayor's office has received over 200 letters from our public. Please add your vote of confidence; your letters do make a difference.

Please help save the Museum. Ask the Library Board of Directors to keep the Museum open. Attend the open hearings on the budget at City Hall on June 11 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Express your support for the Museum by writing to the Mayor, the City Council, and the editor of the Jersey Journal.

—Randy Sanford

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

On May 19th, three members of the Committee, Randy Sanford, Anne Hart, and Vito Brunetti were at City Hall for a meeting of the Board of Adjustment. The Board was scheduled to hear the case of 384 Palisade AVe. The owner was applying for variances to add a 20 foot long/three story high addition on the back of the building, reduce the number of living units from 9 to 6 and to renovate it without providing off-street parking.

We met with the owner before the hearing and he showed us the preliminary drawings of the project.

All of us were happy to see that something constructive was being done for this building. It is one of the worst on Palisade Ave. It is the gray brick one, near Hutton Street, now standing vacant, with no sidewalk, very dangerous and a detriment to our neighborhood.

We testified that making the owner provide parking spaces for a small lot and a party-wall building was unrealistic. While we were not completely satisfied with the layout of the units, we heartily supported the reduction of units from 9 to 6. We also asked that the owner preserve the historic quality of the Palisade Ave. fascade by retaining the original windows (two sets of three windows.)

The Board of Adjustment granted the variances and, incidentally, complimented the R.N.A. on its carefully considered testimony. After the meeting, R.N.A. and the owner arranged to work together on the project.

As we left City Hall, we felt good about the project and remarked to each other that we have a perfect batting average so far with the Board of Adjustment.

Another owner, Mr. Wajswol, who owns 206-208 Ogden Ave. has applied to the Board of Adjustment for his variance and has been scheduled on the calendar for June 5th.

He wrote R.N.A. a letter saying that he has made certain revisions in his project since our meeting with him in March. He has lowered his building height down to 40 feet to make the building appear smaller. He is still planning to provide 10 or 11 off-street parking spaces with an indoor garage on the first floor.

Although we are glad that the property is being developed, R.N.A.'s main objection to this project is that the owner is still intending to build twelve units on two lots, which is much denser than our R-2 zone allows.

Our Committee is discussing this project again and plans to oppose it on June 5th at City Hall.

Although our beloved newsletter staff is going on vacation for two months, the Planning and Development Committee will remain active this summer. If there are any new projects that anyone knows about in out neighborhood, please contact Randy Sanford (653-2030) or Vito Brunetti (798-0493).

—Randy Sanford

PROTECTION OF THE PALISADES

On Thursday, April 10th, I went before the Jersey City Council to ask that four things be done to protect the Palisades:

1) The creation of an ordinance prohibiting any new building within 50' of the edge, on the slope, or on the face of the cliff; prohibiting any new building within 50' of the base of the cliff; and restricting the height of any new building at the base of the cliff to a height not to exceed 10' below the top of the cliff.

2) An ammendment to the Jersey City "City Code" Chapter 28 (Zoning Code) to change the R-4 zoning to R-2 from Franklin Street south to the State Highway on Ogden Avenue and Palisade Avenue. Although the area is more dense than an R-2 description, the height of the buildings is consistant with the R-2 height restriction which is 40' or four stories. An R-4 allows a height of 11 stories AND UP. The R-2 would more accurately reflect the existing conditions.

3) An ordinance transfering all city-owned vacant land along the cliff to the Green Acres Inventory. I have prepared a map showing where this land is located.

4) A commitment to reacquire Tumulty Park, once a small playground, on the cliff at Ogden Avenue and Cuneo Place. This park was "inadvertantly sold" by the city for $40,000.00 to Ray Falk of R.J. Falk Realty, a developer from Colonia, N.J. Mr. Falk has since sold the property for $160,000.00 to Ogden Associates, a New York Partnership. According to Gene O'Connell, Assistant Corporation Counsel for Jersey City, we will most definitely be going to court.

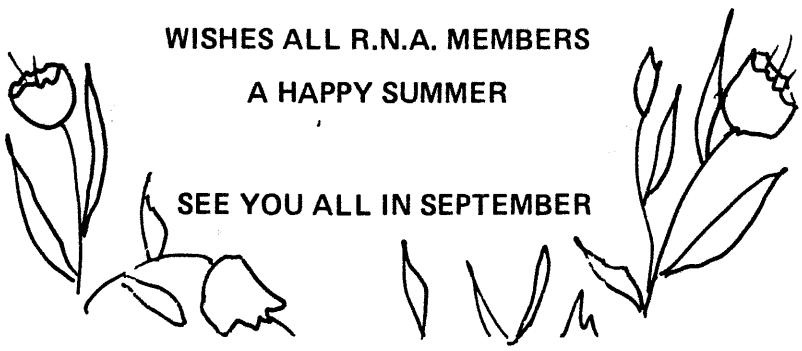
Anne Hart

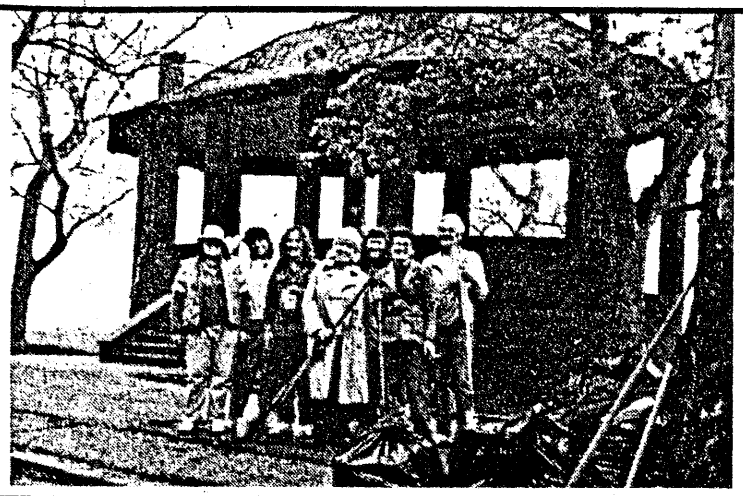
THE COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE

WISHES ALL R.N.A. MEMBERS

A HAPPY SUMMER

SEE YOU ALL IN SEPTEMBER





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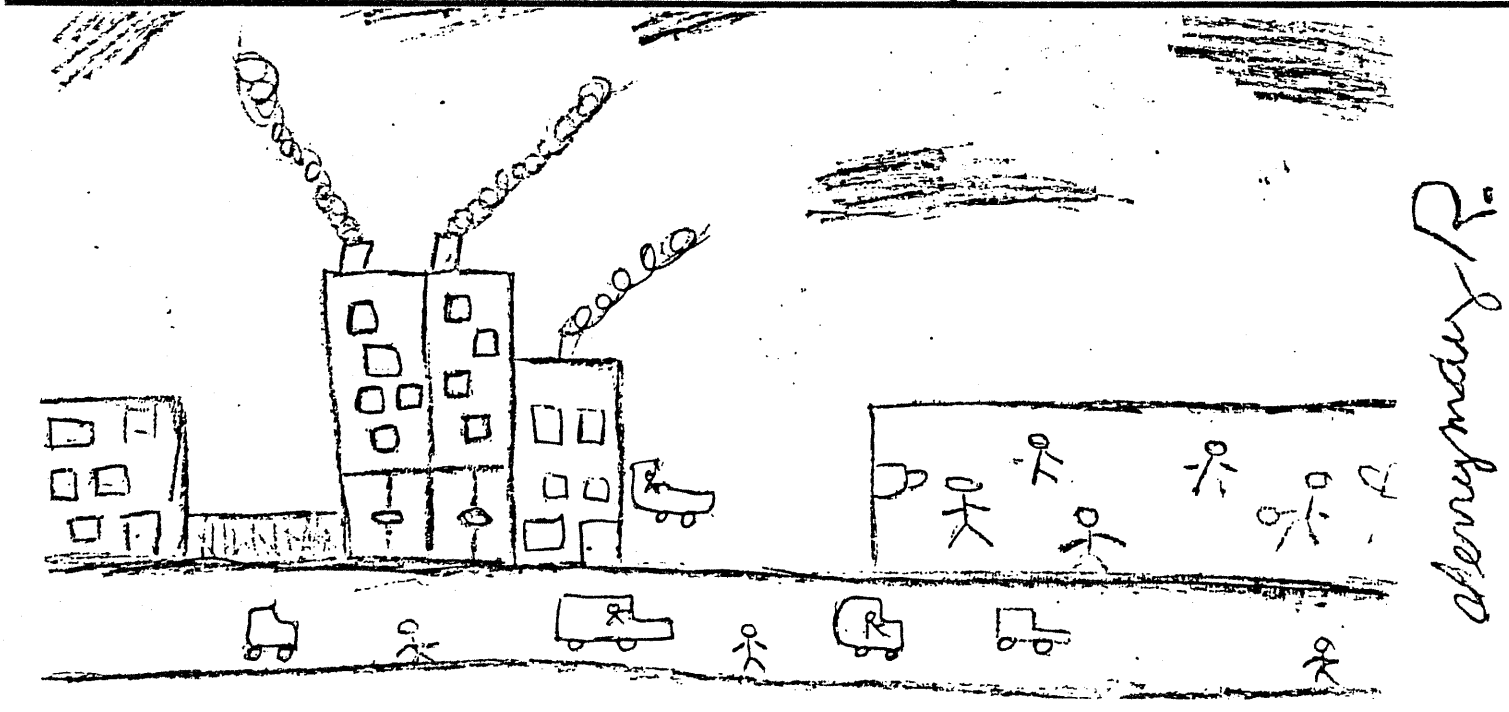
AT THE RNA FLEAMARKET

LEFT: RANDY HOLLOWELL
7 years old

BOTTOM: CHERRYMAY RIVERS
12 years old



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